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Letter dated 9 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 7 April 2009 addressed to the Chairperson of the Committee on Conferences containing the remarks of the Republic of the Philippines on your report entitled "Action taken to improve the timely submission of documents for the Fifth Committee" (A/63/735) (see annex).

I would like to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 121 and 132.

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I refer to the report of the Secretary-General on action taken to improve the timely submission of documents for the Fifth Committee (A/63/735), which is to be discussed by the Committee on Conferences at its organizational session on 7 April 2009. The report narrates the work of the interdepartmental task force on documentation pursuant to the mandate given by the General Assembly in its resolution 63/248.

The Philippines recognizes the work done thus far by the task force in positively addressing the problem of issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee. The Philippines fully supports the institutionalization of the task force as a standing mechanism to handle the documentation of the Fifth Committee at its subsequent sessions. It expects the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, the chair of the task force, to continue to shepherd other Secretariat entities in the right direction and to report on the status of documentation any time it is called upon to do so by the Committee on Conferences.

The Philippines views the task force as one component of a multipronged approach to finding a solution to the perennial difficulties of late issuance of documents for the Fifth Committee.

(*Signed*) Hilario G. **Davide**, Jr.
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